

RESOLUTION 3-19

DEADSTOCK REMOVAL

WHEREAS rendering companies would travel the Province of Alberta picking up deadstock for free and turn the deadstock into by products;

WHEREAS Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE) was discovered in Canada in 2003;

WHEREAS regulatory changes were made to remove Specified Risk Materials from carcasses causing rendering companies to charge a fee for service;

WHEREAS producers are trying to limit or manage the cost of removing deadstock and started disposing of deadstock on-farm;

WHEREAS on farm disposal of deadstock attracts livestock predators such as coyotes, wolves and bears;

WHEREAS large carnivore interaction with farm families has increased, causing public safety concerns;

WHEREAS the primary producer bears the cost of regulatory changes for the entire food production chain;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

THAT ALBERTA'S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST

That the Provincial Government compensate producers fifty percent (50%) of the deadstock pick up fees with producers bearing the remainder of costs.

SPONSORED BY: County of Wetaskiwin

MOVED BY: _____

SECONDED BY: _____

CARRIED: _____

DEFEATED: _____

STATUS: Provincial

DEPARTMENT: Alberta Agriculture and Forestry

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Prior to BSE Alberta had a viable rendering industry that removed a significant amount of the dead livestock from our rural landscape. Implementation of a feed ban and specified risk material regulations has made on-farm pick up unrealistic.

On-farm disposal of dead livestock can be very challenging. Burial is difficult under frozen conditions and incineration is not often practical. Alberta's predators are becoming habituated to dead livestock and predation is the next step. For example, bears will dig up eight (8) feet of cover in a dead animal pit to access a dead carcass as they are *very* efficient excavators. Farm families and the general public are increasingly at risk as grizzly encounters become more common in the ranch country. Furthermore, research has proven that wolves will return to old dead pits on a regular basis, using them as waypoints as they travel their territories. *Wolves* have impacted cattle in the province causing significant losses.

Albertans enjoy a healthy and expanding wildlife population. In Alberta, money would be better spent being proactive, removing attractants such as deadstock and reducing scavenging of livestock to a minimum.

In 2010 a bounty program on coyotes in Saskatchewan cost \$1.5 million and took out 71,000 coyotes. Saskatchewan has a compensation program for predation paying producers 100% compensation for confirmed kills and up to 80% for injured livestock.

Rendering costs for 2018 are as follows:

West Coast Reduction Ltd.	
Animal	Cost
Horse	\$250.00/horse
Cattle	\$0.14/lb (minimum \$120+GST)
Pork	\$0.04/lb
Poultry	Special pricing, confirm with manager
Sheep	No pick-up